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1.
 - a. The Soviets have three submarines constantly on duty along the 38 degree latitude line between China and Korea. Soviets have a total of 50 submarines operating in the Far East.
 - b. There are two coast-guard ships armed with machine guns and with a speed of 10 knots, which are stationed at Dairen. Their mission is to check smuggling.
 - c. All Japanese-owned ships of fifty tons and above have been confiscated by the Russians.
 - d. A total of 40 ships, most of which are American-chartered, are being used to transport machinery, supplies, and equipment from Dairen to Vladivostok. This transportation is done in convoys of 12 ships each. Subsource believes that it will take months before the Soviets can complete the transportation of all the ammunition, provisions, and equipment of the former Japanese Kwantung Army. When these convoys first started, no destination or shippers' names were given, although it was understood that the ships were going to Vladivostok. Later, the Soviets took the precaution of giving Chinese business firm names as shippers of the cargo and giving European countries as the destination of the shipments. This is done so as to make it difficult for other nations to protest this traffic.

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